Diploma Course in Agricultural Engineering

766. Sri T. TAREGOWDA (Kallambella).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Diploma Course in Agriculture Engineering at Raichur was started ;

(*b*) the number of candidates who have taken Diploma in Agricultural Engineering (both in Farm Machinery and Soil and Water Management) so far ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that such diploma holders are not given preference while selecting candidates for various posts in the co-departments of Agriculture ;

(*d*) whether such Diploma in Agricultural Engineering is included while prescribing qualifications for various posts in Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation, Soil Conservation in the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Implements Factory, Hassan, etc ;

(*e*) if not, whether it will now be included ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*) The Diploma Course in Agricultural Engineering at Raichur was started from October, 1968.

(*b*) The number of students who have taken Diploma in Farm Machinery is 11, and in Soil and Water Management it is 9.

(*c*) to (*e*) The question of including Diploma in Agricultural Engineering among qualifications prescribed for posts in Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation has been raised recently and is under consideration.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : **Shifting of the rig-machine from Indi to Bijapur City.**

Sri J. L. KABADI (Bollolli).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the shifting of the rig-machine from Indi to Bijapur City.

Sri D. DEVERAJ URS (Chief Minister).—Sir I state as follows :—

The number of Villages in Indi Taluk of Bijapur is 123. All the villages are scarcity affected. Amongst these villages, 31 villages have been identified as those where the drinking water position is particularly bad. All these 31 villages of Indi Taluk have been provieed with bore wells.